

**California-Pacific Section, Society for Range Management, Certification Panel
Minutes of the April 24, 2013, meeting in Redding at the UCCE office, 1851 Hartnell Ave**

OPEN SESSION

Open Session called to order at 11:00 am by Chair Larry Ford in the Shasta County UCCE Office conference room and by teleconference.

Present: Chairman Larry Ford, Panel members Larry Forero, John Harper, Susan Marshall (via conference call), Mike Connor (via conference call), Executive Secretary James Bartolome, Foresters Licensing Officer Matt Dias (via conference call), and members of the public Rebecca Kline and Ashley Knight.

The minutes of the January 14, 2013 meeting had been approved previously by email.

Chairman Ford announced that Rob Pearce retired from the Panel and recognized Pearce's involvement in several important Panel efforts. Ford stated that the Panel needs to seek a new member. Individuals included for consideration are: Richard Nichols, Charlette Epifanio, Tim Koopmann, Rod Tripp, Ceci Dale-Cesmat, and Dave Kelly.

Ford reported on the revised CRM Program description and referral to PFEC then the Board of Forestry. The description could be updated by one of two ways:

1. Rewrite the 1651 Forest Practices regulations. The changes would have to be approved by the PFEC and Board of Forestry, including public comment. This method would take longer, but the full program description would be published as part of the regulations.
2. Change the Section 100 rules, then refer to the updated rules in the 1651 regulations. This would be a quicker way to accomplish the revision.

The Panel agreed to proceed with option 2 and Matt Dias acknowledged the decision.

Ford reported on his and Bill Frost's attendance at the PFEC meeting. He also reported a very good working relationship with Licensing Officer Dias.

CalPac Information-Education Committee Chair Lance Criley has led the updating of the CalPac website including the link to the CRM program. A discussion of the website was held. Marshall was commended for her comprehensive updating of the list of online range management courses linked to the website.

Ford reported that he has been unable to make progress on the position paper on range management expertise needed and issues involved in the management of conservation lands. Marshall commented that a Rangeland Higher Education Challenge Committee is developing a paper on "core competencies" required for rangeland professionals. It will need to be adapted for regions such as California, but will be relevant to the position paper. Our paper will be postponed until we have results from the Committee in the fall.

There was no public comment.

Open session was adjourned at 11:32 am.